

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-105 – (Cancelled)

106. (New) A building material, comprising:

fibrous insulation having a length, a width, and a depth, wherein the length and the width define first and second major surfaces separated by the depth, the fibrous insulation having at least one cut extending from the first major surface, through the depth, to the second major surface, said cut extending along at least a portion of the length of the fibrous insulation so as to divide the fibrous insulation into a plurality of fibrous insulation strips, wherein the fibrous insulation strips are removably secured across the at least one cut such that the fibrous insulation may be separated by hand into strips for installation into a cavity.

107. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four inches.

108. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about three inches.

109. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about two-and-one-half inches.

110. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four-and-one-half inches.

111. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about five inches.

112. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation is about fifteen inches.

113. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation is about twenty-three inches.

114. (New) The building material of claim 106, further comprising a vapor barrier facing sheet bonded to the first major surface, wherein the facing sheet comprises at least one separable connector aligned with the at least one cut.

115. (New) The building material of claim 106, wherein the building material has three cuts that divide the fibrous insulation into four fibrous insulation strips.

116. (New) The building material of claim 115, wherein at least two of the fibrous insulation strips have a different width.

117. (New) The building material of claim 115, wherein one of the strips has a width of about 2.5 inches, one of the strips has a width of about 4 inches, and one of the strips has a width of about 4.5 inches.

118. (New) The building material of claim 115, wherein one of the strips has a width of about 11.5 inches, one of the strips has a width of about 4 inches, and one of the strips has a width of about 3.5 inches.

119. (New) The building material of claim 106, further comprising an adhesive material that removably secures each of the fibrous insulation strips to at least one other fibrous insulation strip.

120. (New) A method of manufacturing a building material, comprising:
processing fibers into an elongated batt having a length, a width, and a depth, wherein the length and the width define first and second major surfaces separated by the depth;

applying an adhesive material to the fibers; and
segmenting the batt into a plurality of elongated strips by cutting the elongated batt from the first major surface to the second major surface along at least a portion of the length of the elongated batt, wherein each of the elongated strips are removably secured to at least one other of the elongated strips by the adhesive material.

121. (New) The method of claim 120, further comprising:
separating at least one of the elongated strips from the other elongated strips;
and
installing the remaining elongated strips into a cavity formed by building material.

122. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein the segmenting step occurs after the applying an adhesive step.

123. (New) The method of claim 120, further comprising heating at least a portion of the building material.

124. (New) The method of claim 120, further comprising bonding a vapor barrier facing sheet to the first major surface, wherein the facing sheet comprises at least one separable connector aligned with at least one cut.

125. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein segmenting the batt into a plurality of elongated strips comprises segmenting the batt into at least four elongated strips.

126. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about four inches.

127. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about three inches.

128. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about two-and-one-half inches.

129. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about four-and-one-half inches.

130. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein at least one elongated strip has a width of about five inches.

131. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein the width of the batt is about fifteen inches.

132. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein the width of the batt is about twenty-three inches.

133. (New) The method of claim 120, wherein segmenting the batt into a plurality of elongated strips comprises segmenting the batt into at least two elongated strips having different widths.

134. (New) A fibrous insulation assembly having a length, a width, and a depth, wherein the length and the width define first and second major surfaces separated by the depth, the fibrous insulation assembly comprising:

at least one cut extending from the first major surface, through the depth, to the second major surface, said cut extending along at least a portion of the length of the fibrous insulation assembly so as to divide the fibrous insulation-into a plurality of fibrous insulation strips; and

means for removably securing each of the fibrous insulation strips to at least one other of the fibrous insulation strips across the at least one cut such that the fibrous insulation assembly may be separated by hand into strips for installation into a cavity.

135. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, further comprising a vapor barrier facing sheet bonded to the first major surface, wherein the facing sheet comprises at least one separable connector aligned with the at least one cut.

136. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four inches.

137. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about three inches.

138. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about two-and-one-half inches.

139. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about four-and-one-half inches.

140. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein at least one of the fibrous insulation strips has a width of about five inches.

141. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation assembly is about fifteen inches.

142. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein the width of the fibrous insulation assembly is about twenty-three inches.

143. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein the fibrous insulation assembly has three cuts that divide the fibrous insulation assembly into four fibrous insulation strips.

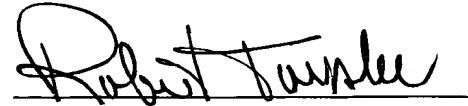
144. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 143, wherein at least two of the fibrous insulation strips have a different width.

145. (New) The fibrous insulation assembly of claim 134, wherein the means for removably securing each of the fibrous insulation strips to at least one other of the fibrous insulation strips comprises a discontinuous adhesive strip.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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